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METHOD FOR IMMOBILISING MICROORGANISMS, RELATED MATERIAL, AND USE THEREOF [Corresponding to PCT/IB2003/001753 Filed April 9, 2003]

REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated June 20, 2006, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors, as well as an English translation of the application.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharges of \$65.00 (Declaration) and \$130.00 (translation), as required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT OFFICE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$530.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Late filing of executed Declaration\$65.00

Petition for Extension of Time\$60.00

English Translation Surcharge\$130.00

Additional Claims Fee:

Excess of Twenty\$275.00

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

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ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Additional fees required as a result of this Amendment are calculated as follows:

	SMALL ENTIT	Y	LARGE ENTITY
Total Claims exceeding 20 (not already paid for): 11 x Indep. Claims exceeding 3	(\$ 25 = \$275.00)	or	(\$50 = \$)
(not already paid for): x	(\$100 = \$)	or	(\$200 = \$)
[] Multiple Dep. Claim(s) (if there previously			,
were none): +	(\$180 = \$)	or ,	(\$360 = \$)
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[X] Small entity status of this application has been previously asserted. FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT

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Small	entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37
C.F.R.	1.9 and 1.27 which
[]	is enclosed or
[]	has been previously submitted.

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- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0975 the amount of \$ to cover additional fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account. The original and two copies of this document are enclosed.

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- · Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/07/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/09/2006
- Small Entity Statement filed on 10/07/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 10/07/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 10/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/07/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath
 or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27,
 must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$195 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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